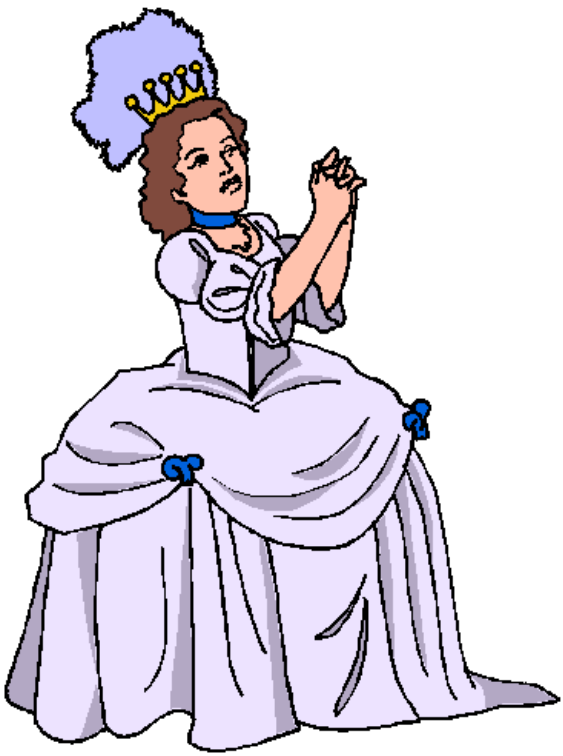
ESCAPE FROM KALDOR
BY
COMMANDER MAXELL

STENTON RELL starts his day with Earl Grey tea a cinnamon bagel and then takes a travel tube over the skyline of KALDOR to company Central then up to the changing rooms, where the adjudicators are putting on their red uniform, with silver moon boots , white shoulder pads, and floor length white cape.He's followed in by COMMISSIONER MILES who's wearing a pinstripe charcoal gray suit, black gloves, and blown shoes .

RELL Moon boots and dinner suits and let's get to work .

The adjudicators leave the locker room down the red and white

corridor to the blue and pink lift, up one level and through to the OPERATION ROOM with lemon tiled carpet, polystyrene ceiling tiles illuminated by strip lights, and over to their comm booths .
COMMISSIONER MILES The founding families are in two minds whether to implement the latest changes in company policy, but the balance of payments deficit will lead to a lockdown, for citizens without money .
The comm booths are connected to their city wide INTERCOM, and speakers positioned at discrete locations in each sector sending messages to KALDOR citizens .
ADJUDICATOR ALGIE You'll be the younger.citizens .
ADJUDICATOR STEVENS CUT ME SOME SLACK JACK ?



Top anchor woman throughout the Galactic Federation.TULA REECE is broadcasting as the ADJUDICATORS get to their INTERCOMS , piped into speakers positioned in recreation parks, landscape gardens and residential homes .
In our top story tonight.The gallant rescue on Olympus, Mars.Where a new colony was held hostage by space

Raiders.
Commander Maxell of the Kaldor Police.LED a group of adjudicators WHO rescueD citizens on olympus mars , THE NEW COLONY ON THE FOURTH PLANET OF A STAR SYSTEM in the western spiral arm of the milky way galaxy After an unprovoked attack by Space Raiders.
LANDERCHILD leaves his office escorted by hunter robot K1 out of company Central and across a black and white tiled courtyard stepping onto RAPID TRANSIT CONVEYOR ,Past KALDOR citizens.In boiler suits **[taken in at the waist with their sleeves rolled up]** wearing ADIDAS trainers.
LANDERCHILD I got a big rap at the Senate building.
K1 To offer Klingon safe haven in Federation space.Is not advisable unless you TAG THEM at the spaceport first master .
LANDERCHILD I'll Advise the committee ,keep a sharp look out for APACHE-WARRIORS while I'm at the meeting .
K1 Youths with roller blades, knee pads and hockey helmets .
The RTC deposits then in the courtyard opposite an assembly lines and they walk up to a high wire perimeter fence using an INTERCOM to gain access.They walk into the glass fronted three Story building where a Senate sub-committee is in session >They walk over a lemon tiled carpet and up a wide staircase then through double doors to an oblong room dominated by a round glass table and takes his place in a chrome and wicker chair .
LANDERCHILD Thank you gentlemen, we all know why we're here. The increasing demand for goods and services has forced us to re-introduce a monetary system.
LAGO And now that the VOC robot programme does all the work. nobody's got any money.
PARSONS Why don't we take some of the V-O-C offline and give some of the work to humans?
WOSHAK That would be unthinkable .
LANDERCHILD The argument over which type of man has lower back problems has been raging for many a year .
LAGO We have to use V-O-C robots for manual labor.
MELKER More to the point, if KALDOR citizens realise they were being underhanded to swap them for younger models there'll be people with banners outside our offices challenging us with fraud and negligence.
LAGO Just like in the early days of the Old Republic you mean .

LANDERCGILD We are trying to reduce life expectancy by illicit underhand methods .
JENNA STANIS There was a vote of no confidence in the company.
COMMISSIONER MILES QUITE SO
PARSONS And then they'll follow us home with a symphonic orchestra and drums .
JENNA STANIS Yeah they'll be following us home after our autograph and publicity photos .
LANDERCHILD .I've told the adjudicators to MEANS TEST all citizens unless there with the founding families
MELKER I'd like to point out one thing LANDERCHILD and means testing doesn't mean a thorough medical by a DOCTOR ,
COMMISSIONER MILES We'll be honest with them and turn those abortion clinics into euthanasia centres.
PARSONS They'll just turn the banner around with more literate scrawls from the art college they graduated from and start campaigning outside the same building .
JENNA STANIS In the morning when I've got a headache.
MELKER So what you're saying first master is the adjudicators are sectioning more people?
LAGO Reducing their access to goods and services and luxury items.Leisure Facilities.
.Just then.V35 comes in with a tray of drinks.And SV7.
SV7 Why V-O-C waiting tables now.
UVANOV Yeah, don't get your spark plugs wet.
LANDERCHILD Sorry, SV 7.If you can ask all your V-O-C to go back to their docking stations and create an action plan.
UVANOV We mere mortals want to know how best to run KALDOR CITY.
SV7 The V-O-C gestalt proposes that you deal with the current realities of running a modern society by creating a health and vitality scheme tailored to every KALDOR citizen.

SV7 And getting rid of the monetary system altogether.

LANDERCHILD Thank you SV 7. That was a plan, unfortunately, the Galactic Federation has started trading with the league of non aligned planets , who can't understand .

LANDERCHILD Who will only supply their products if we pay in GOLD KALDOR DECOIDS ?

MELKER You can't get a CAMCORDER for under 300 GALACTIC CREDITS.

JENNA STANIS That's because it's a luxury item built by the League of non-aligned worlds .

RELL And only the founding families have that sort of currency.

SV7 The V-O-C gestalt suggest we withdraw our products from the League of non aligned worlds unless they pay for them.

JENNA STANIS We're gonna have to let the adjudicators finish their course.

LAGO Whilst some of the founding family members are moving to KALDOR TWO on HYPERION.

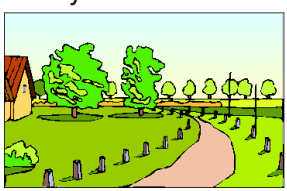
MELKER A new planet that's recently made habitable and ready for us to enjoy.

JENNA STANIS Oh yeah, I can't wait to go there. They've got mixed saunas and jacuzzis in every apartment.

Just then, STENTON RELL, Special investigator for the KALDOR POLICE walks into the office.
STENTON RELL Mixed saunas can be very distracting, First master. Sorry I'm late ,I've been chasing an assassin hell bent on infiltrating company central, by disguising himself as a traffic warden.
WOSHAK Never mind, we managed to run KALDOR without you.
STENTON RELL Why isn't your chief of police here?
LANDERCHILD MAXELL has gone to Earth with the Viscount crew after saving OLYMPUS MARS .
WOSHAK Haven't you seen the news agencies?
JENNA STANIS 15 minutes to start up time .
LAGO We already have a survival program for everyone keyed to their own biorhythms SV7.
RELL And they're just complaining that you and your V-O-C are taking all the jobs.
STENTON RELL You upset the citizens anymore. I'll resign my Commission and go and work for the SONS OF KALDOR .
LANDERCHILD You do that and you can give us a key to your apartment and you'll be downgraded.
Just then CARNELL arrives wearing a charcoal gray three piece pinstripe suit walking with a silver topped cane and takes off his black silk Cape .
CARNEL If you want to go out on your own RELL speak to me about it .I'll try to give you company approval. The ruling council

has been flooded with correspondence from citizens and our conclusion is to set up a civil service with guardians .
LANDERCHILD What CARNELL is trying to say is that you will get your wish, RELL to set up day centers with community washing facilities .
STENTON RELL Yes, during the recent robot Revolution we were unprepared .
CARNEL That is why the guardians are setting up day centers we're KALDOR CITIZENS can go and have a bath and collect clothes from the cloakrooms freshly washed as long as they return them in a week's time .
MELKER You realize testing is going to make it hard for some citizens to budget their money .
CARNEL Yes that's why we propose to have a 28 day month and a 13 month year .
RELL There was just leaves one day a year to find the ******* who invented it and hung him from a street lamp.
LANDERCHILD Until then those who can't manage their money will be means tested .
CARNEL Alternatively you can have zone 5 and surround it with a high wire fence and put an ENTRY CODEC on the gate.Citizens can go there but they are not likely to make it out.
STENTON RELL Resign my commission and become one of the guardians then first master . Jenna, have you got a uniform for the new guardians .
JENNA STANIS Oh yes well you can have a white suit with gold epaulets .
STENTON RELL Can I have a captain's hat so an increasing number of KALDOR CITIZENS will use the day centers .
LAGO Maybe I'll join you I'll set a restaurant , next to the bath house with a varied menu for free,
MELKER That means an increasing number of citizens will leave their habitats and go to the day centers .
MELKER Then the company can lease them on a time share basis .
LANDERCHILD I won't have to put the rates up or start charging .
STENTON RELL Yes I know money is the root of all evil .
STENTON RELL Ok I'll accept the white uniform as long as it has a reversible pinstripe charcoal gray and black epaulets with a chef's hat when I'm cooking .
LAGO I expect lots of wholesome savory meals from

your new cafeteria .
STENTON RELL You'll get lots of hot savory meals if I can get the protein plant to give basic food items.
jenna STANIS Less commercial rubbish that the League of non aligned worlds sell at extortionate prices
LANDERCHILD This session the high council is closed
STENTON RELL Jenna you're with me sv7 can you book us a flier to take it to ZONE TWO .
CARNEL And I'll be going back to zone 1 , and hopefully the MATRIX will only be bombarded with recipes for wholesome food you can make in your cafeteria .



In a recreation park next to a landscape garden at the center of the city, adjacent to the dimension gates, two KALDOR CITIZENS are watching passengers coming out to 8ft high twin vertical arcs met by reps from the TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE .
STEVE JOHNSON Join the Galactic Federation, where a new life is waiting for you.
CALEB WEST And you have to be a member of the founding families to get anywhere.
Caleb gets a call on his wrist communicator.
CALEB WEST Oh yeah, don't worry about it.Wait until you've got some money, and then send it over.
STEVE JOHNSON You can't even afford Arcadia.
CALEB WEST Yeah, Unfortunately,
STEVE JOHNSON And what do your parents think about your hanging around the commercial District and the recreation grounds?
CALEB WEST Unfortunately I owe them something. .I'll ask the Dimplex Employment agency if they want me to work on one of the production lines.
STEVE JOHNSON No, the VOC robots do that.
From the other side of the courtyard they see a convoy of metal fencing and concrete slabs passing on 8FT wide rolling roads towards Zone 5.
CALEB WEST Let's go take a look. See what's happening in Zone 5.
Stephen and Caleb run over the courtyard and jump onto the rolling

Rd grabbing hold of packaging and poles on blue pallets and hold on as the rolling Rd trundles along to zone 5.
They jump down before the pallets reach the end of the runway and run over to a rocky boulder, to observe Forklift trucks move the pallets to wear, a perimeter fence is being erected. From the newly constructed gate they see adjudicators marching citizens through and to the left ,where there herded onto a rapid transit conveyor.
CALEB WEST They're moving everyone out,
STEVE JOHNSON Nobody can go into zone 5. Does your uncle know anything about this?
CALEB WEST I'm going to ask one of the adjudicators .
CALEB runs over to the gate of the high wire fence .
CALEB WEST Excuse me, officer .
ADJUDICATOR LANE clamps a silver gloved head on his shoulders . [Be at peace with the world.]
CALEB WEST My life at your commands officer
ADJUDICATOR LANE That's the spirit those initiation classes sunk in during your training when you were a cub, now you're a full citizen.
CALEB WEST Yes I know but why are you taking citizens from ZONE FIVE , my UNCLE SILUS there .
ADJUDICATOR LANE They were given plenty of notice that you can read the bulletin boards .
CALEB WEST I first heard about it from the window cleaner, didn't tell me he was a council social worker , first he cleaned a couple of windows and charged me a five then I went round to the council and found the notice in a disused lavatory in a locked filing cabinet with the words beware of the leopard on the front.My mum calls UNCLE SILUS him every day now she won't be able to .
ADJUDICATOR LANE Yes she will .Tell her to use his all-purpose number , that's how we trace every citizen, including you CALEB .ZONE 5 has been made into a habitat for those who decide that KALDOR isn't for them so don't worry you don't want to be put in there do you . try and join us at your level, or you'll end up there and never leave .
CALEB WEST Thank you officer .
ADJUDICATOR LANE Be off with you .
CALEB runs back to the boulder and he and STEVE join the RTC towards ZONE 6, and their habitats .